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1. SUMMARY. VISIT OF YUGOSLAV VICE PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER MINIC TO GREECE, DECEMBER 16-18, CONCLUDED WITH ANNOUNCEMENT THAT CARAMANLIS WILL VISIT BELGRADE IN 1975 AND JOINT COMMUNIQUE EMPHASIZING MUTUAL ENDORSEMENT OF NEED FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT ON CYPRUS. SEVERAL SMALL STEPS TOWARD ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND CONSULAR COOPERATION WERE AGREED. IN HIS STATEMENTS MINIC STRESSED THAT YUGOSLAVIA WAS PLAYING CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE VIS-A-VIS CYPRUS AND OTHER POLITICAL DISPUTES BECAUSE OF ITS NON-ALIGNED STATUS. FROM ITS SIDE, GOG AND CONSERVATIVE AS WELL AS LIBERAL PRESS COMMENT WARMLY WELCOMED EVIDENCE OF THIRD WORLD INTEREST AND SUPPORT FOR CYPRIOT INDEPENDENCE BUT DECLINED IDEA OF NON-ALIGNED STATUS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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YUGOSLAVIA AS POSSIBLE MODEL FOR GREECE TO ADOPT. END SUMMARY.

2. JOINT COMMUNIQUE REITERATED EARLIER THEMES (REFTEL A) OF YUGOSLAV AND GREEK AGREEMENT FOR NEGOTIATING SETTLEMENT TO CYPRUS PROBLEM, MUTUAL CONCERN OVER MIDDLE EAST TENSION, AND SUPPORT FOR UN AS BASIS FOR RESOLVING CRISES AROUND THE WORLD. SPECIFICALLY ON CYPRUS, "THE TWO SIDES UNDERLINED SIGNIFICANCE OF U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S RES. 3212 SEEKING WITHDRAWAL, WITHOUT DELAY, OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS FROM SOIL OF THE CYPRUS REPUBLIC, RETURN OF REFUGEES TO THEIR HOMES UNDER CONDITIONS OF SECURITY, RESPECT BY ALL COUNTRIES OF ISLAND'S INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, AND ITS CAPACITY AS A NON-ALIGNED COUNTRY, AND AVOIDANCE OF ANY INTERVENTION ACTION AGAINST CYPRUS, AND STRESSED THE SIGNIFICANCE ATTRIBUTED BY THE SAID UN RESOLUTION TO THE CONTACTS AND NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN TWO COMMUNITIES IN CYPRUS, AS WELL AS TO THE CONTINUATION OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE BEING GRANTED BY THE UN TO ENTIRE CYPRIOT POPULATION."

3. STATEMENT ANNOUNCED THAT MINIC ON BEHALF TITO HAD INVITED CARAMANLIS AND BITSIOS TO VISIT YUGOSLAVIA AND THEY HAD ACCEPTED WITH DATE FOR VISIT TO BE SET IN NEW YEAR. MINIC AND BITSIOS AGREED THAT NEGOTIATIONS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW AGREEMENT FOR TRANSFER OF YUGOSLAV GOODS THROUGH PORT OF THESSALONIKI SHOULD BE COMPLETED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. TWO CONSULAR AGREEMENTS AS WELL AS A CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR 1975-76 WERE SIGNED. TWO MINISTERS ALSO UNDERLINED THEIR FIRM DECISION TO TRY TO ACTIVELY STRENGTHEN CSCE AND ENSURE ITS FRUITFUL TERMINATION.

4. FURTHER TO MINIC'S MOTIF OF NON-ALIGNMENT AND BELGRADE'S INQUIRY (REFTEL B), FOLLOWING GOG SEMI-OFFICIAL RECORDS ARE PERTINENT. "MR. MINIC REFERRED TO UNANIMOUS RESOLUTION ON CYPRUS PASSED BY THE UNGA AND THE ROLE PLAYED BY THE NON-ALIGNED NATIONS IN ELABORATING IT - A ROLE WHICH, HE SAID, BOUNDED ALL PEACE-LOVING NATIONS, ESPECIALLY THE PARTIES CONCERNED, TO TAKE ACTIVE STEPS TO ACHIEVE ITS IMPLEMENTATION." "THE YUGOSLAV DEPUTY PREMIER REITERATED ... NEED FOR A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT BASED ON INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND NON-ALIGNMENT OF CYPRIOT REPUBLIC ... ADDED THAT SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA, CONTINUING ITS NON-ALIGNED POLICY, ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY OF MAKING PARTICULAR EFFORTS TOGETHER WITH OTHER NON-ALIGNED NATIONS, TO ENSURE PEACE, THE DEVELOPMENT OF GENERAL INTERNATIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COLLABORATION, AND SETTLEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS." FOREGOING QUOTATIONS TAKEN FROM OFFICIAL GOG TRANSCRIPT OF MINIC'S REMARKS EVENING DECEMBER 16. SAME SOURCE, FOLLOWING MINIC'S MEETING WITH CARAMANLIS, ANNOUNCED "IDENTITY OF VIEWS ON BOTH BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE TWO COUNTRIES HAD BEEN ASCERTAINED" AND QUOTED MINIC: "WE ASCERTAINED THAT OUR VIEWS AGREE ON A SERIES OF INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS. WE AGREED TO INTENSIFY OUR COOPERATION WITH SERIES OF

INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS. WE AGREED TO INTENSIFY OUR COOPERATION WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF INTERNATIONAL BODIES TO FACE INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS TOGETHER."

5. AS OFTEN AS MINIC USED "NON-ALIGNED" REFERENCE, GOG AVOIDED ITS USE, BUT VISIT IS VIEWED HERE, AT LEAST EDITORIALY, AS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF IMPORTANCE OF SUPPORT OF THIRD WORLD TO GREEK DIPLOMATIC INTERESTS. CONSERVATIVE KATHIMERINI EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR YUGOSLAV SUPPORT OF CYPRIOT RIGHTS AND SAID FALL OF JUNTA NOW FREED GREECE TO OPERATE FREELY AND TO LOOK FORWARD TO COOPERATION WITH YUGOSLAVIA ON MUTUALLY CONTRIBUTIONS TO EUROPEAN COOPERATION AND SECURITY CONFERENCE; ALSO CONSERVATIVE VRADYNI PRAISED MINIC FOR REITERATING TITO'S SUPPORT FOR FREE, INDEPENDENT AND SOVEREIGN CYPRUS. COMMUNIST AVGHI, AS ON OCCASION OF MINIC VISIT LAST AUGUST, EDITORIALIZED THAT YUGOSLAV SUPPORT MEANS THAT GREEK POLICY SHOULD MOVE TOWARD THIRD WORLD". "THERE ARE TWO CONCRETE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LAST FEW DAYS. THE ONE IS INFORMATION ABOUT A STRONG SOVIET DEMARCHE TO ANKARA AGAINST ANY PLAN FOR IMMEDIATE OR INDIRENT PARTITION OF THE ISLAND. THE OTHER IS THE EAGERNESS, WHICH MR. MINIC EXPRESSED, OF YUGOSLAVIA TO PLAY ANEW A MEDIATING ROLE IN CYPRUS. TWO WORLDS - THE SOCIALIST AND THE THIRD WORLD - SHOW WITH THEIR ACTIONS THAT THEY CONSIDER ON THEIR OWN INITIATIVE THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO FIND QUICKLY A CORRECT AND DEMOCRATIC SOLUTION FOR THE PROBLEM OF CYPRUS. FOR US, THIS SUPPORT HAS GREAT SIGNIFICANCE .. WE MUST RECOGNIZE THIS SUPPORT AND PLAY OUR POLICIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH IT." KUBISCH

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